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Mayor Brian C. Wahler
Township of Piscataway
Municipal Complex
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

Re: Chemsol, Inc. Superfund Site
Piscataway, New Jersey
Soil Remediation

Dear Mayor Wahler:

The letter is in response to your recent letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the soil remediation at the Chemsol Site.

In your letter, you expressed the Township's displeasure with the anticipated truck route to be used during the soil remediation activities at the site. To clarify this point, to date, the EPA has not decided on a final truck route. Presently, the only accessible route to the site is the one mentioned in your letter, "Fleming Street to Cumberland Road, left on South Washington Avenue to I-287", this is the route that the Township is currently not satisfied with. The Potentially Responsible Parties Group (PRP Group) that is financing the remediation activities has retained the engineering firm of Brown and Caldwell. Brown and Caldwell are currently negotiating with the property owner located on the eastern border of the site. If negotiations are successful and access is obtained, then a temporary road can be built so that the site is accessible from New Brunswick Avenue. This route, as mentioned in your letter, would reduce the impact on the community. EPA and the PRP Group continue to evaluate all possible alternatives so as to meet this goal.

The other concerns raised in your letter such as: traffic volume, operating hours, dust/dirt concerns, etc. are being addressed in the Remedial Design Plan. EPA and the PRP Group representatives will schedule a meeting with the Township of Piscataway to discuss these and other concerns. EPA will also conduct public outreach activities (meetings, factsheets) prior to commencement of soil related field activities to allow for community participation.

Should you have any other concerns, I can be contacted at (212) 637-4394.

Sincerely yours,

Nigel Robinson, Remedial Project Manager
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